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Implementation of Cannabis Science Task Force Recommendations

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Goals

- Protect public health and consumer protections
- Increase consistency of testing methods
- Enhance confidence in results
- Strengthen lab accreditation

Cannabis Science Task Force

Published recommendations (June 2020):

- Adapt existing agricultural protocols for pesticide testing
- Formation of Interagency Cooperative Team (ICT)
- Regulatory updates

Currently developing recommendations for:

- Proficiency testing
- Additional lab quality standards



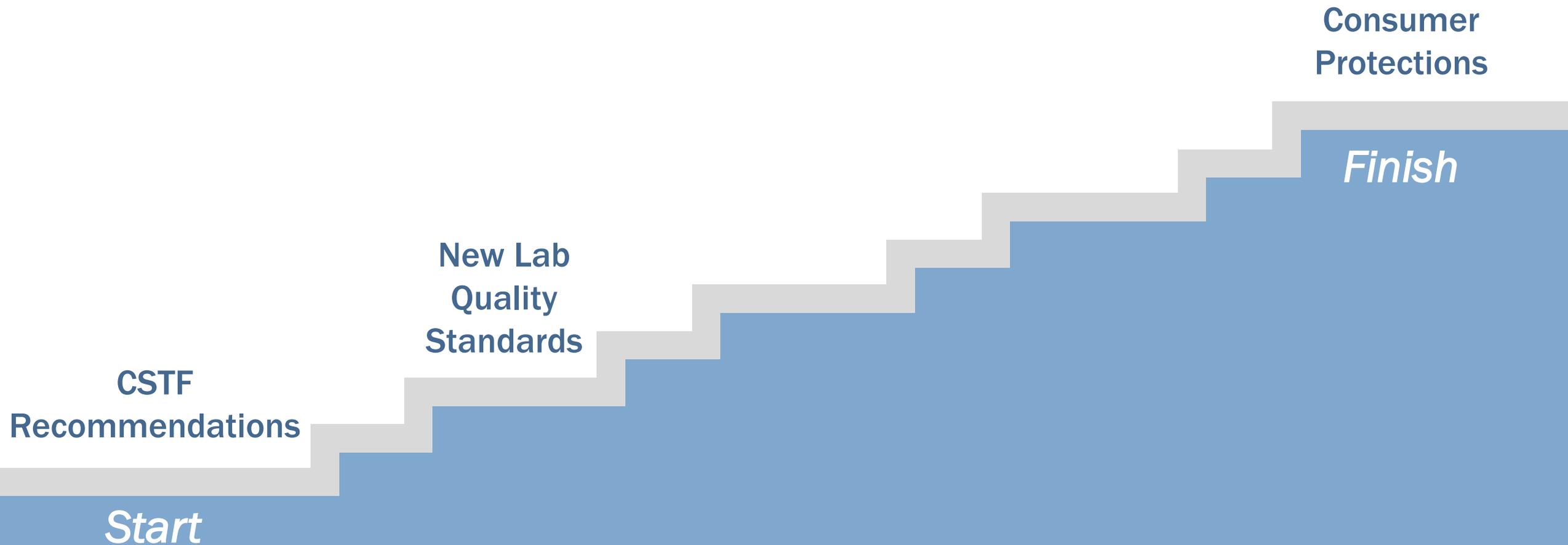
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**Cannabis Science Task Force
Recommendations:
Laboratory Quality Standards for
Pesticides in Cannabis Plants
and Products**

June 2020
Publication 20-03-005

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/2003005.pdf>

Coordinated Actions



Lab Quality Standards

Why?

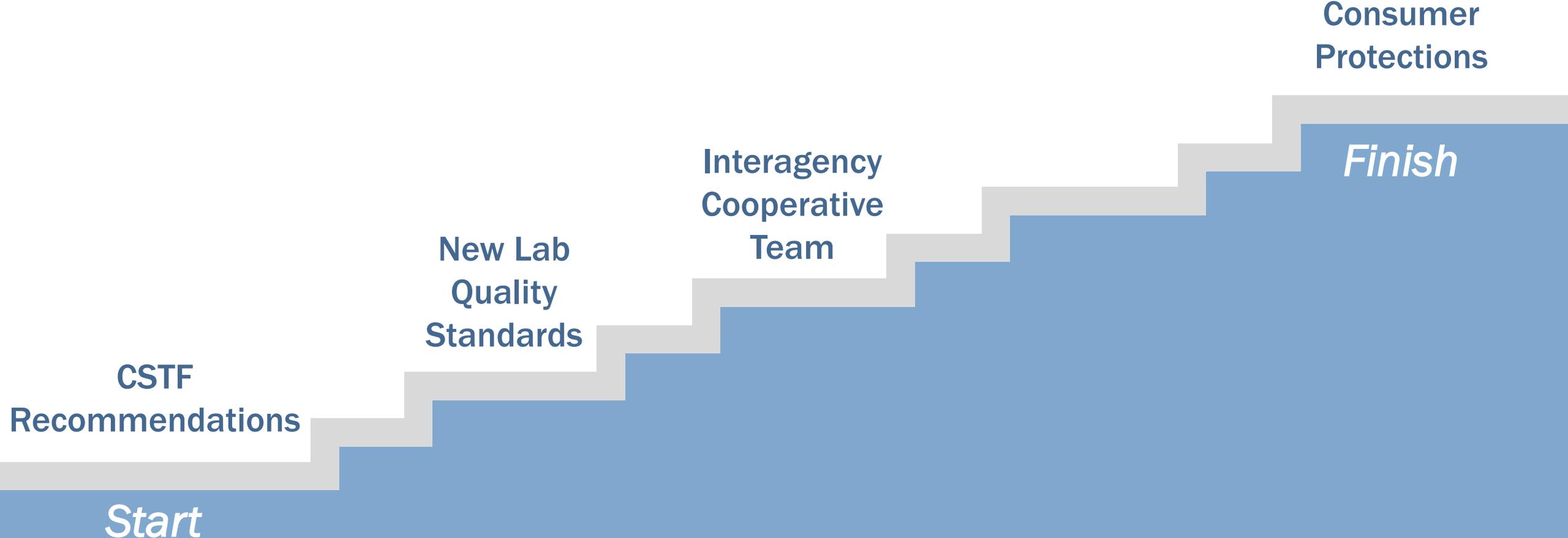
- Provides consistent testing methods & protocols
- Serves as the basis for accreditation

Needs:

- Explicit agency authority
- Adoption into agency rules
- Regular updates for evolving science



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Interagency Cooperative Team

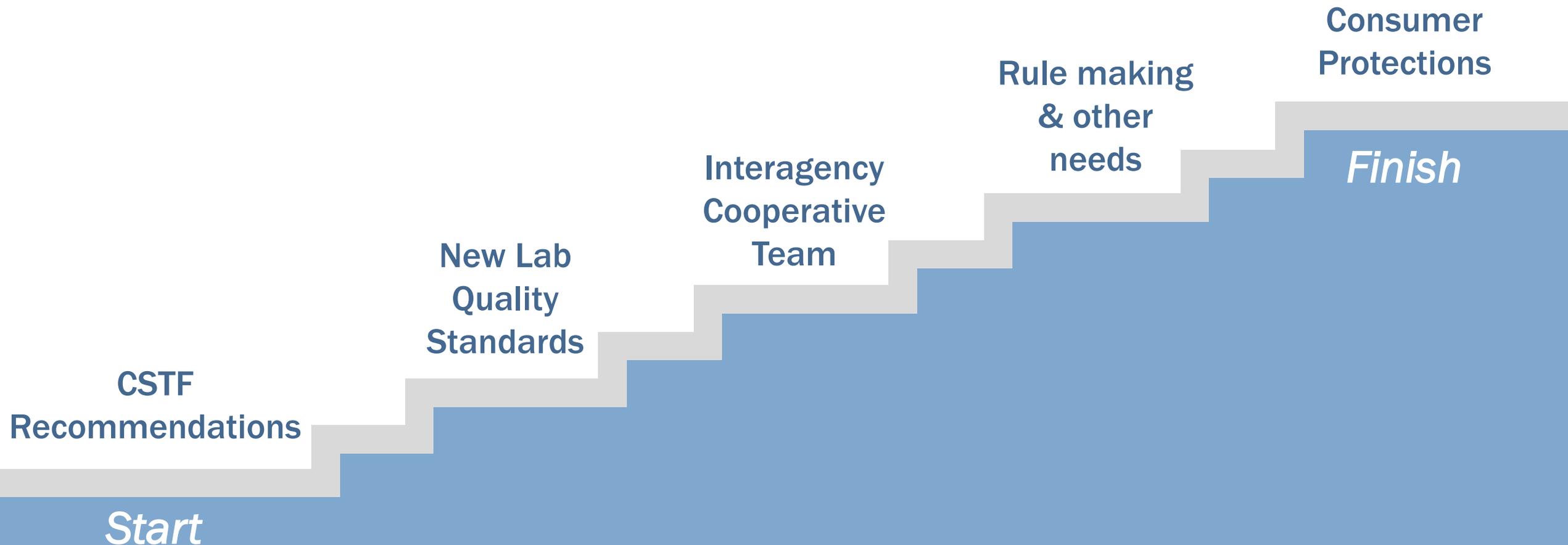
Why?

- Lack of federal oversight
- Technical assistance for labs
- Essential structure for performance based methods for pesticide testing

Needs:

- Initial and ongoing funding to create and maintain team

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Rule making & other needs



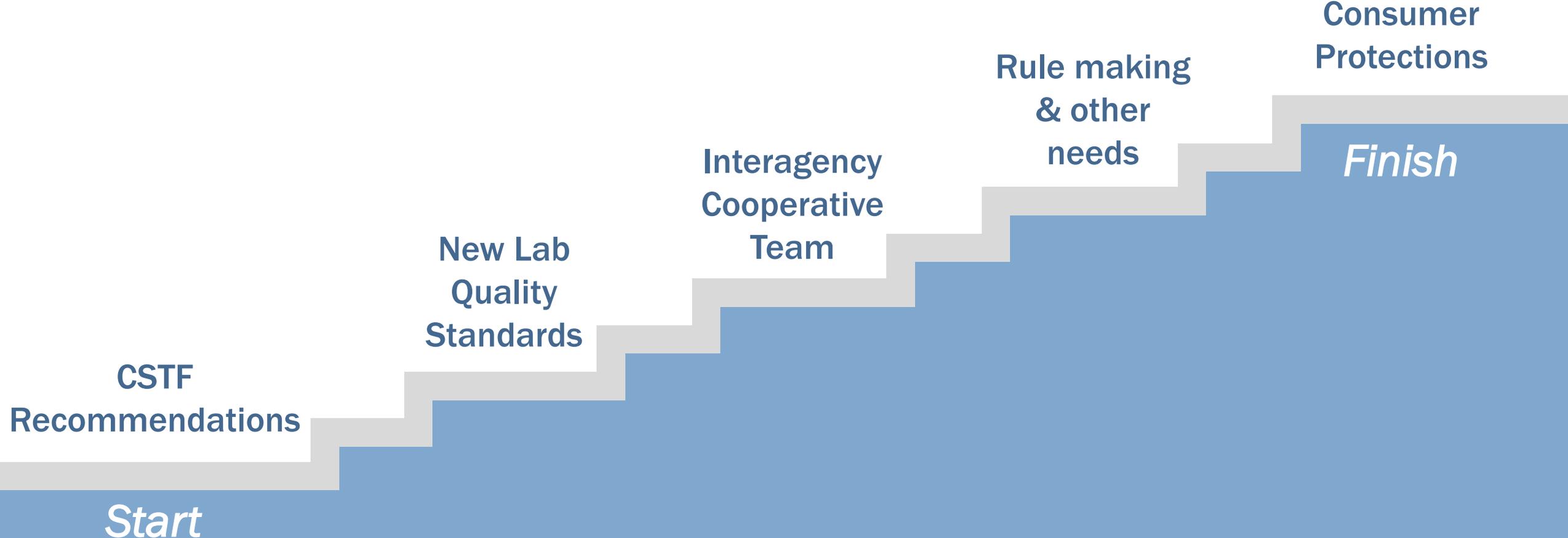
Why?

- Implement Task Force recommendations
- Alignment of rules between different agencies

Needs:

- Multi-agency collaboration
- Development of proficiency testing program
- Adoption of lab quality standards
- Withdrawal of accreditation requirements
- Adoption of cannabis accreditation and fee schedule

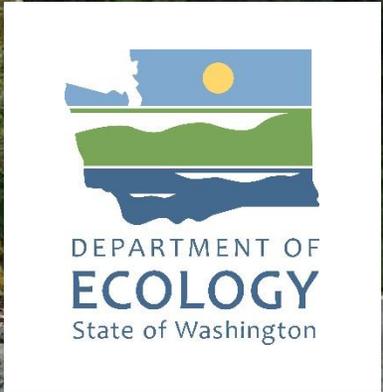
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Agency Leadership

- Commitment to working together
- Focused work after 2021 Session
- Identify:
 - Any missing actions and steps
 - Legislative packages
 - Budget and funding needs
 - Stakeholder outreach

Next Steps



Questions?